

Abstract of the Disclosure

Powered platforms for various kinds are each characterized by a corresponding measure of fuel economy. Fuel economy credits are provided to a party who contributes a material that effects an improvement in such fuel consumption for a given powered platform. In a preferred embodiment, such fuel economy credits can be traded. When acquired from another party, such credits can be used to offset fuel economy performance shortfalls. The “material” can comprise any of a wide variety of substances, components, assemblies, design specifications, control strategies (including enabling software), and so forth. The powered platforms can include stationary powered platforms or mobile powered platforms.